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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: EDITORIALS URGE GOI ACTION
AGAINST UK AND NATO

1. TWO NEWSPAPERS THAT HAVE TAKEN HARD LINE IN FISHERIES DISPUTE
RENEWED CALLS IN JANUARY 6 EDITORIALS FOR STRONGER MEASURES
AGAINST UK.

2. COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY THJODVILJINN
CRITICIZED WHAT IT CALLED GOVERNMENT'S "SCANDALOUS LAXITY" IN FACE
OF BRITISH PROVOCATIONS. QUESTIONS DIRECTED TO PRIMEMI BY RADIO
LISTENERS JANUARY 4 (REYKJAVIK 009) SHOWED THAT NATION WAS "STUNNED
BY INACTIVITY OF GOVERNMENT," ACCORDING TO THJODVILJINN. PAPER
REJECTED ARGUMENT OFFERED BY PM ON PROGRAM THAT ICELAND WOULD SIMPLY
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ISOLATE ITSELF TO NO EFFECT BY WITHDRAWING FROM NATO. IN FACT,

THJODVILJINN SAID, NATO LEADERS WOULD BE SO TERRIFIED IF ICELAND THREATENED TO GET OUT THAT THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING TO PREVENT IT. AT MINIMUM, PAPER INSISTED, GOI SHOULD ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH UK IMMEDIATELY IF THERE ARE FURTHER RAMMING ATTEMPTS.

3. MAVERICK INDEPENDENCE PARTY DAILY DAGBLADID SAID YESTERDAY THAT GOI LOST VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY WHEN IT FAILED TO CALL HOME AMBASSADOR FROM LONDON AND SUSPEND PARTICIPATION IN NATO AS RESULT OF DECEMBER 11 SEYDISFJORDUR RAMMING. NOW, DIFFERENT APPROACH MUST BE TRIED. PAPER RECOMMENDED SENDING BILL TO UK FOR ALL EXPLOITATION--LEGAL AND ILLEGAL--OF ICELAND'S MARINE RESOURCES OVER PAST 100 YEARS. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT BRITISH WOULD SCOFF AT SUCH CLAIM, EDITORIAL SAID NONETHELESS UK WOULD BE FORCED TO CONSIDER MAGNITUDE OF DAMAGE WHICH IT HAD CAUSED ICELAND. IN ANY CASE, PAPER SAID, PROPOSED APPROACH WOULD BE STEP AWAY FROM CURRENT STALEMATE, WHICH IS NOT SERVICE INCELAND'S INTERESTS.
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